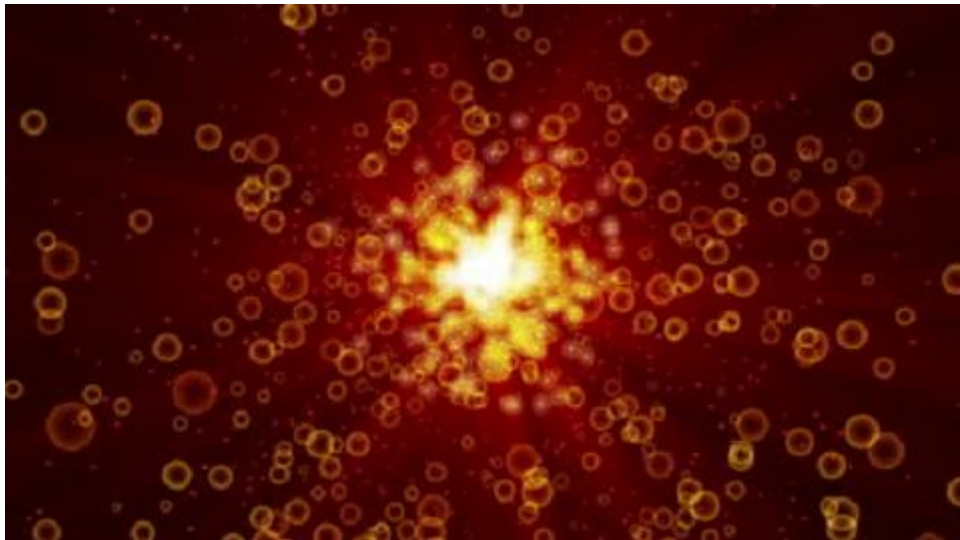


T H E O S O P H Y



Lucifer the Lightbringer



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One of the most slanderous, ignorant, and utterly false accusations that has been repeatedly directed at H. P. Blavatsky and against Theosophists in general over the years is the claim that Theosophy is a form of satanism and that Madame Blavatsky was a devil worshipper.

To a Theosophist, such an assertion is as laughable as it is ridiculous and nonsensical.

Those accusations and condemnations originate primarily from the realm of Christianity and from those of its adherents who believe in a personal anthropomorphic God and a personal anthropomorphic devil, the supposed enemy of that God.

Considering the fact that Lucifer and Satan have come to be viewed as synonymous terms and names for the same entity, it is not too hard to see why our Christian friends have jumped to such a conclusion, seeing as the

Theosophical magazine started in England in the late 1880s by HPB was titled “Lucifer” and that in her masterpiece work “The Secret Doctrine” she speaks of Lucifer in positive and glowing terms.

But there are several important points which need to be understood...

#1. Christianity does not have a monopoly on the term “Lucifer” nor on its definition. The *Christian* concept and definition of the term “Lucifer” is merely the latest in a long line of definitions and interpretations of this *pre-Christian* term.

#2. The word “Lucifer” occurs only once in the entire Bible. This is in Isaiah 14:12, which says: “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!” Those who read this verse in its actual context will clearly see that the sentence is applied specifically to a certain Babylonian king who was an enemy in war of the Israelites. The original Hebrew text uses the word לְיָלֵל which literally means “bright star” or “shining one,” a term applied sarcastically or mockingly by the Israelites to this particular enemy of theirs. The translators of the King James Version of the Bible – one of the chief of whom was the well known Rosicrucian initiate Dr Robert Fludd, a fact which will no doubt shock and horrify many Christians – chose to translate this word with the Latin word “Lucifer.”

#3. “Lucifer” literally means Lightbringer, Lightbearer, Bringer of Dawn, Shining One, or Morning Star. The word has no other meaning. Historically and astronomically, the term “Morning Star” has always been applied to the planet Venus.

#4. Since the only occurrence of the word “Lucifer” in the Bible is that one verse in Isaiah, there is absolutely nothing in the Bible which says that Lucifer is Satan or the devil. It was Pope Gregory the Great (540-604 AD) who was the first person to apply that passage of scripture to Satan and thus to equate Lucifer with Satan. But even then this notion didn’t catch on in a big way until the much more recent popularisation of John Milton’s “Paradise Lost” in which Lucifer is used as another name for Satan, the evil adversary of God. Also, such luminaries of the Christian world as Martin Luther and John Calvin considered it “a gross error” to apply Isaiah 14:12 to the devil, “for the context plainly shows these statements must be understood in reference to the king of the Babylonians.”

#5. Thus the Christians who claim that Lucifer is the devil actually have no Biblical basis or authority for such a belief. Though they may claim to be “Bible believing Christians” whose faith is built solely on “the Word of God” they are actually followers – in this and many other respects – of Christian religious *tradition* and not of the Christian *Bible*. Or have they quietly conferred divine infallibility upon the Pope and Milton without informing the rest of the world?

#6. H. P. Blavatsky was never at any point in her life a Christian, gave no credence to Christian theology and did not believe in any type of personal or anthropomorphic God nor in any type of personal or anthropomorphic devil. She believed and taught that there is but ONE Infinite Divine Life which *is* everything and *in* everything and that It has no adversary or enemy, since there is nothing but **That** – the boundless, impersonal, omnipresent Principle of Absolute Existence Itself. She was against the notion of worshipping or praying to anyone or anything. She taught that evil is really imperfection, which is the automatic and inevitable byproduct of the existence of matter.

Now let us take a look at some of the statements HPB made about Lucifer in “The Secret Doctrine”...

* “Esoteric philosophy admits neither good nor evil *per se*, as existing independently in nature. The cause for both is found, as regards the Kosmos, in the necessity of contraries or contrasts, and with respect to man, in his human nature, his ignorance and passions. There is no *devil* or the utterly depraved, as there are no Angels absolutely perfect, though there may be spirits of Light and of Darkness; thus LUCIFER – the spirit of Intellectual Enlightenment and Freedom of Thought – is metaphorically the guiding beacon, which helps man to find his way through the rocks and sandbanks of Life, for Lucifer is the LOGOS in his highest, and the “Adversary” in his lowest aspect – both of which are reflected in our *Ego*.” (Vol. 2, p. 162)

* “In antiquity and reality, Lucifer, or *Luciferus*, is the name of the angelic Entity presiding over the *light of truth* as over the light of the day. In the great Valentinian gospel *Pistis Sophia* it is taught that of the three Powers emanating from the Holy names of the Three Τριδυνάμεις, that of Sophia (the Holy Ghost according to these gnostics – the most cultured of all) resides in the planet Venus or Lucifer.” (Vol. 2, p. 512)

* “It is but natural – even from the dead letter standpoint – to view *Satan*, the Serpent of Genesis, as the real creator and benefactor, the Father of Spiritual mankind. For it is he who was the “Harbinger of Light,” bright radiant Lucifer, who opened the eyes of the automaton *created* by Jehovah, as alleged; and he who was the first to whisper: “in the day ye eat thereof ye shall be as Elohim, knowing good and evil” – can only be regarded in the light of a Saviour. An “adversary” to Jehovah the “*personating* spirit,” he still remains in esoteric truth the ever-loving “Messenger” (the angel), the Seraphim and Cherubim who both *knew* well, and *loved* still more, and who conferred on us spiritual, instead of physical immortality – the latter a kind of *static* immortality that would have transformed man into an undying “Wandering Jew”.” (Vol. 2, p. 243)

* “The *Fall* was the *result of man’s knowledge*, for his “eyes were opened.” Indeed, he was taught Wisdom and the hidden knowledge by the “Fallen Angel,” for the latter had become from that day his Manas, Mind and Self-consciousness. In each of us that golden thread of continuous life – periodically broken into active and passive cycles of sensuous existence on Earth, and super-sensuous in Devachan – *is* from the beginning of our appearance upon this earth. It is the *Sutratma*, the luminous thread of immortal *impersonal* monadship, on which our earthly lives or evanescent *Egos* are strung as so many beads – according to the beautiful expression of Vedantic philosophy.

“And now it stands proven that Satan, or the Red *Fiery* Dragon, the “Lord of Phosphorus” (brimstone was a theological improvement), and *Lucifer*, or “Light-Bearer,” is in us: it is our *Mind* – our tempter and Redeemer, our intelligent liberator and Saviour from pure animalism. Without this principle – the emanation of the very essence of the pure divine principle *Mahat* (Intelligence), which radiates direct from the *Divine mind* – we would be surely no better than animals.” (Vol. 2, p. 513)

So we see that in the teachings of Theosophy – which are at times deliberately symbolical, allegorical, and esoteric – the Lightbringer or Bringer of Dawn (Lucifer in Latin) is **our Mind Principle**, our individual self-consciousness and spark of intelligence, which was awakened in mankind around the middle period of the Third Root Race, also known as the Lemurian Epoch. Our mind can either be our adversary (which is what the word “satan” literally means) or it can be the lightbearer (the Lucifer) of spiritual Truth to us, the knowledge of which brings about our liberation from ignorance, including spiritual self-ignorance.

Many Christian Gnostic teachings of two millennia ago had essentially the same view, saying that the being referred to as “Jehovah” had wanted to keep man as an ignorant, uninformed, unevolving entity, but that the *real* “God” (which they maintained was not Jehovah) sent Lucifer, an angel of magnificent fire and light, to show man the light and help him to wake up to true knowledge, including the knowledge of his own spiritual, immortal, divine identity. For Christians this is illustrated, albeit now in a distorted way, in the serpent visiting Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, in the Book of Genesis in the Bible. Serpents have always symbolised wisdom, as Jesus himself showed in Matthew 10:16 when saying “Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves.”

Theosophy interprets all these allegorical Gnostic teachings as referring to “the lighting up of Manas” (Manas is the Sanskrit word for Mind) which we mentioned above. When we bear in mind that “The Secret Doctrine” teaches that the Lemurian Root Race was born under the influence of Venus and received its “light and life” from the Planetary Spirit of Venus, it all becomes clearer, since Lucifer has been an accepted synonym for Venus – the bright and morning star – since long before the days of Christian theology and millennia before Lucifer was first ignorantly equated with the devil.

In “The Secret Doctrine” we read that “Venus, or Lucifer (also Sukra and Usanas) the planet, is the Light-Bearer of our Earth, in both its physical and mystic sense.” Venus is said to be the “spiritual prototype” of Earth and “the Guardian Spirit of the Earth and Men.” It is “the most occult, powerful, and mysterious of all the planets; the one whose influence upon, and relation to the Earth is most prominent” and every change that takes place on Venus “is felt on, and reflected by, the Earth.”

Since it would take too long and also be out of place here to try to explain all of this to the reader unfamiliar with Theosophy, we can sum up by saying that **what H. P. Blavatsky has to say about Lucifer is entirely esoteric, symbolical, and philosophical.** Those four excerpts quoted above are virtually the only specific statements and explanations she ever made about Lucifer, although fanatical Christians and half-crazed conspiracy theorists like to give the impression that she spent almost all her time ranting and raving about Lucifer, which is simply not true.

As for the reason her magazine was named “Lucifer,” she wrote in its very first article – titled “What’s in a Name?” – that “the first and most important, if not the sole object of the magazine, is expressed in the line from the 1st Epistle to the

Corinthians, on its title page. It is to bring light to “the hidden things of darkness,” (iv. 5); to show in their true aspect and their original real meaning things and names, men and their doings and customs; it is finally to fight prejudice, hypocrisy and shams in every nation, in every class of Society, as in every department of life. The task is a laborious one but it is neither impracticable nor useless, if even as an experiment. Thus, for an attempt of such nature, no better title could ever be found than the one chosen. ... No fitter symbol exists for the proposed work – that of throwing a ray of truth on everything hidden by the darkness of prejudice, by social or religious misconceptions; especially by that idiotic routine in life, which, once that a certain action, a thing, a name, has been branded by slanderous inventions, however unjust, makes *respectable* people, so called, turn away shiveringly, refusing to even look at it from any other aspect than the one sanctioned by public opinion. Such an endeavour then, to force the weak-hearted to look truth straight in the face, is helped most efficaciously by a title belonging to the category of branded names.”

But as she was later to remark, the ignorant and erroneous belief that Lucifer = Satan “has struck its roots too deep in the soil of blind faith” to allow many people to bravely, boldly, and unashamedly reveal the true origins and true nature of what the so-called Lucifer actually is. Those who attempt to do so are always bound to be immediately labelled as “satanists” and “devil worshippers” by a certain class of Christian, those whose trademark characteristics invariably tend to be wilful ignorance and mental laziness. It has indeed become a “branded name,” one which still automatically conjures up the image of an anthropomorphic devil even in the minds of the most hardened atheists.

Yet who can deny that even Jesus is portrayed as boldly proclaiming his identity with Venus the Lightbringer in Revelation 22:16, where he says “I, Jesus, am the bright and morning star.” If the translators had chosen to translate this verse using Latin just as they did with Isaiah 14:12, it would read “I, Jesus, am Lucifer.”

Theosophists are not afraid of public opinion or misguided prejudice, nor of the claims and threats of Christianity, that most arrogant, ignorant, and impudent of all the world’s religions. “There is no religion higher than Truth” – and eventually, as always, the Truth will prevail.

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13 thoughts on “Lucifer the Lightbringer”

1. **Michael** says:
[JULY 26, 2015 AT 1:38 PM](#)
 EXCELLENT ARTICLE
2. **Paul Joseph Purcell** says:
[OCTOBER 23, 2015 AT 3:52 AM](#)
 Good article. We have a thread at Theologyonline.com about this, and I’ve been expounding on the true meaning of the name, and the that name ‘Lucifer’ was translated that way in the Latin Vulgate in the 4th century by Jerome, and only later eventually became correlated with Satan who fell, and became the devil, etc.

I did some research and it appears that Dr Robert Fludd may have been on the committee or board that assisted in the KJV translation, but read that other sources do not mention his name among the primary translators, so I don’t know how accurate this reference is. I thought Jerome was the primary one with his translation, the Latin Vulgate in the 4th century that translated it

thus, and it was one of the texts that the KJV translators used in their 'version', choosing obviously to use the term/title or name 'lucifer' (I guess this is not necessarily a proper noun even, but later 'Lucifer' was capitalized as if he was an actual personality).

It is shocking for many Christians to accept that Jesus is also the 'bright and morning star', and that we as believer in Christ also are given the 'morning star' as a gift, if we overcome. Also Peter mentions that the 'daystar' shall arise in our hearts,...so this CAN refer to the 'divine logos principle, that light of manas or the Spirit', the 'Christ within us, the hope of glory',...that is the bringing of light, the divine seed/spark in our souls. I just think the word or name 'lucifer' has already been so totally 'satanized' and made to be identified with the devil,..that redeeming it from that evil fallen image is a difficult task, which even gives me caution in using the word.

3.

Sally Roberts says:

FEBRUARY 11, 2016 AT 6:59 AM

Excellent explanation.

4.

Mark Aziz says:

FEBRUARY 25, 2016 AT 4:10 AM

Wonderful article.

5.

Ian Brown says:

MARCH 17, 2016 AT 11:24 AM

Love this, great research and judicious use of quotes. Blavatsky was a trailblazer. Another favourite is Manly P. Hall. Both great thinkers who believed strongly in imparting the wisdom they acquired with the masses. ❤

6.

Rhonda Marshall says:

MARCH 31, 2016 AT 4:30 PM

It is unfortunate that people are falling for this line of reasoning. Lucifer is not a light bringer. When God created him, Lucifer was an angel of light. However, he sought to throw out God and take His place on the throne. For that rebellion, Lucifer and the angels who followed him were cast down from heaven. There is nothing good about any Luciferian doctrine or religion. Jehovah God is the true God, and we must worship Him alone. There is only one way to God and that is through Jesus, the Son of God, who died on the cross that we may be saved from our sins!!

1.

secretdoctrine says:

MARCH 31, 2016 AT 7:58 PM

Rhonda, while you are entitled to your view, so are we to ours and ours is that "It is unfortunate that people are falling for this line of reasoning" that you display in your comment.

Is our article incorrect when it states that:

"The only occurrence of the word "Lucifer" in the Bible is that one verse in Isaiah . . . there is absolutely nothing in the Bible which says that Lucifer is Satan or the devil. It was Pope Gregory the Great (540-604 AD) who was the first person to apply that passage of scripture to Satan and thus to equate Lucifer with Satan. But even then this notion didn't catch on in a big way until the much more recent popularisation of John Milton's "Paradise Lost" in which Lucifer is used as another name for Satan, the evil adversary of God. Also, such luminaries of the Christian world as Martin Luther and John Calvin considered it "a gross error" to apply

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... Thus the Christians who claim that Lucifer is the devil actually have no Biblical basis or authority for such a belief. Though they may claim to be “Bible believing Christians” whose faith is built solely on “the Word of God” they are actually followers – in this and many other respects – of Christian religious tradition and not of the Christian Bible.”

No, it is not incorrect. These are FACTS and until you can prove them wrong – not only to your OWN satisfaction but to the satisfaction of any intelligent and independently minded person – your comment has to stand as an exhibit of blind fanaticism and dogmatic bigotry.

You say: “Jehovah God is the true God, and we must worship Him alone.”

The majority of the early Christians did not believe this. And if you may ever have wondered why it is that so many people are unwilling to worship Jehovah, perhaps you’d find it useful to read the article “The True Nature of Jehovah” at <https://blavatskytheosophy.com/the-true-nature-of-jehovah/>.

To quote just one paragraph from that:

“Although many well-intentioned and devout Christians will vainly and ignorantly attempt to deny it, it is the case that the vast majority of the early Christians did not believe Jesus to have been in any way a representative of Jehovah. For a start, how can the Being who menacingly roared the command “Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys!” (1 Samuel 15:3) be the inspirer of the beautiful and uplifting teachings of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount?”

In your last sentence you also promulgate the doctrine of vicarious atonement. Again, if you really care about the Truth, as you may claim to, have the courage to dare to take off your religious blinkers for just a few minutes and read “Blavatsky on Vicarious Atonement” at <https://blavatskytheosophy.com/blavatsky-on-vicarious-atonement/>, from which the following is quoted:

“The doctrine of vicarious atonement – salvation through the blood of Jesus – is today the mainstay of all evangelical Christianity around the world. However, “Peter [i.e. the Apostle Peter] knew nothing of the atonement; and his reverence for the mythical father Adam would never have allowed him to admit that this patriarch had sinned and was accursed. Neither do the Alexandrian theological schools appear to have been cognizant of this doctrine, nor Tertullian; nor was it discussed by any of the earlier Fathers. Philo represents the story of the Fall as symbolical, and Origen regarded it the same way as Paul, as an allegory.” (Isis Unveiled, Vol. 2 p. 546)

“It must be remembered that the Gospels are proven beyond all doubt to have never been written by the actual Apostles and disciples of Jesus themselves but are instead the work of monks and theologians of later centuries. But even those original Gospels bore no trace of the vicarious atonement doctrine, which was not added until one of their much later editings – of which there have been many – for it is widely considered to have been Saint Anselm (1033-1109) who formulated this doctrine in its present form.

“The truth about Christianity is entirely different from what the vast majority of Christians believe or are even willing to believe.”

So, Rhonda, please feel free to keep on believing whatever you wish but don't expect anyone to take you seriously as long as what you preach and promulgate has as its basis nothing more solid than the imaginations, ideas, and fantasies, of long dead theologians and ignorant Catholic Bishops.

1.

Art Carvajal says:

DECEMBER 15, 2016 AT 10:44 PM

It is hopeless to reason with dogmatic religious individuals. And that is the roof of the problem. Religion with its dogmas, belief system based in superstition, false information and so forth. It is understandable why theosophy is attacked viciously by the dogmatics. Their belief system is at stake, and their dominance of the nations and their people. Aquarius will bring the Light once more to end religion and dogmatism.

7.

Jeanie says:

JULY 22, 2016 AT 4:21 AM

I almost lost custody of my son in the mid 90s, just because his therapist, an ignorant woman, who did more harm than good, saw Blavatsky's books in my house, especially The Secret Doctrine, which, to her meant satanism & nazism. I wish I had such a well constructed article as this to give her then, though, I doubt she could have understood it anyway. My son's father did not want him, and the judge was Jewish, and intelligent, so I won.

Just imagine that scenario in these times.

Thank you for this coherent article.

1.

secretdoctrine says:

JULY 22, 2016 AT 1:52 PM

Thank you for sharing this Jeanie.

8.

David Heatherly says:

AUGUST 6, 2016 AT 2:24 PM

Thank you. !!! Namaste. Much Love your Way! Gratitude. So tired of past programming. Haunting my cells. And memory banks. God ! Devil. Fear. Doubt. Theosophy is my Religion. And I AM good with that. 🙌😊🙌

9.

Aussie Dreamer says:

NOVEMBER 1, 2018 AT 9:24 AM

Thank you, a few years ago at 3am on Greek Ascension day I heard Morning Star in my mind so loudly it woke me up, so I keep researching its meaning, this is good information on it. I have no idea why I was woken up with it on Greek Ascension day ? The only way I knew about that day is from a Greek friend who told me when I asked her what Morning Star meant.

1.

secretdoctrine says:

NOVEMBER 1, 2018 AT 3:39 PM

Thank you for your comment but questions like that are usually for each person to answer for themselves. It can also be best not to attach too much meaning or importance to such things, as they tend to be more of a psychic/astral nature than something of pure spiritual essence. This is however something of a generalisation, as we cannot comment on individual cases.

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